

John Henry Eaton to Andrew Jackson, December 14, 1818, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JOHN H. EATON TO JACKSON.

Washington, December 14, 1818.

D'r Genl I wrote you on Sunday last, in which I stepped forth into the field of conjecture as regarded many things. As others are brought to light you shall hear from me. You enquire if your presence should be here. I have frequently thought upon business and this has been my conclusion: that I would be glad you were with us; if the inclemencies of the journey could be dispensed with. But again you must and do know that here are little finesses and cunning practiced a knowledge of which to you if here would excite the warmth of your feelings and lead to improper results. Were you present, and could stand aloof, cool collected and unruffled by what might be said by the little glow worms of others I should be highly gratified but knowing that this would by no means be congenial to your temper of feeling and mind think it best for you to be absent, knowing and believing that you have friends here that so far as their feeble powers may go, will bring forth to the world an unvarnished view of all things. . . .